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1. CHANG Fa-kuei denies as ridiculous the newspaper accounts of his joining LI Tsung-jen and organizing a third party for him. He denies any connection with a third party, stating that even if he were interested he could do nothing, because he now lacks the nucleus of personnel, funds, and foreign support.
2. In CHANG's opinion both LI and CHIANG Kai-shek are in a helpless and ineffectual position; CHIANG, because of mistakes made long ago and LI, because he assumed the Presidency while in Nanking.
3. CHANG believes the Chinese as a whole are more sympathetic to the Soviets than to the Americans, since living standards in the USSR and China are more nearly similar than those in the United States and China. He feels that American prestige was diminished by the failure of the American Government to state a definite policy toward China.
4. CHANG says he does not plan to leave Hong Kong.

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Comment. On 13 January 1950, the last day the Nationalist Ministry of Foreign Affairs maintained its office in Hong Kong, CHANG received a passport on which he could obtain visas for England, France, and the United States.

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